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**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of **Claire MARTIN, Hans SLABBINCK, Ingrid Zulma Benoit VAN DE VOORDE, and Peter Johannes VETTER**

**A METHOD TO PERFORM CENTRAL CONTROL, A LINE TERMINATOR AND AN ELEMENT CONTROLLER REALIZING SUCH A METHOD AND A TREE-LIKE NETWORK INCLUDING SUCH A LINE TERMINATOR AND AN ELEMENT CONTROLLER**  
Our Ref. Q57933

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above including 18 sheets of the specification, claims and abstract, 1 sheet of formal drawing, executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form, and executed Declaration and Power of Attorney. Also enclosed is the Information Disclosure Statement.

Please see attached preliminary amendment before calculating Government filing fee.

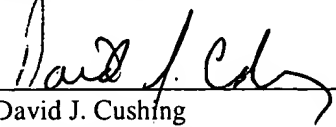
The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	9 - 20	=	0	x	\$18.00	=	\$0.00
Independent claims	3 - 3	=	0	x	\$78.00	=	\$0.00
Base Fee							\$690.00
<b>TOTAL FILING FEE</b>							<b>\$690.00</b>
Recordation of Assignment							\$40.00
<b>TOTAL FEE</b>							<b>\$730.00</b>

Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$690.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from March 17, 1999 based on European Application No. 99400656.7. The priority document will be filed at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,  
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